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Ms. Cynthia Newberg
Director, Stratospheric Protection Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Newberg:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change on January 14, 2020, at the hearing entitled, "Promoting American Innovation and Jobs: Legislation to Phase Down the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are my questions directed to you. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your responses to my questions using the Word document provided with this letter.

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions by no later than the close of business on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. As previously noted, your responses to the questions in this letter will be included in the hearing record. Your written responses should be transmitted by email in the Word document provided to Adam Fischer, Policy Analyst with the Committee staff, at adam.fischer@mail.house.gov. You do not need to send a paper copy of your response to the Committee. Using the Word document provided for submitting your responses will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answers into the hearing record.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Fischer at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

Frank Pallone, Jr.

Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden

Ranking Member

Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Paul D. Tonko

Chairman

Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change

The Honorable John Shimkus

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Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change Hearing on "Promoting American Innovation and Jobs: Legislation to Phase Down the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons" January 14, 2020

<u>Cynthia Newberg</u> <u>Director, Stratospheric Protection Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs</u> <u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation</u>

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ)

- 1. Please provide any information or analysis the Agency has available regarding potential costs of compliance and potential costs and/or savings for consumers relating to a phase down of HFCs.
- 2. Please provide information about alternatives to HFCs, in particular the diversity of available alternatives, and a general overview of the range and types of available alternatives. Please include responses to the following related questions:
 - a. Does EPA have a list of potential alternatives, including both fluorinated and non-fluorinated?
 - b. Under Title VI, EPA has issued allowances. Can EPA provide the list of allowance holders?
 - c. Can EPA provide a list of reclaimers?
 - d. Please provide any information EPA has available regarding the scope of availability of alternatives to HFCs, such as the number of companies manufacturing alternatives to HFCs.